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Amendments

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 46 as follows:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
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16. (Canceled).
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33. (Canceled).

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46. (Amended Herein) A method of operating an information storage system comprising:  
positioning a read head to a first position where no user data is stored proximate a storage  
medium;  
comparing a value of an evaluation parameter to a predetermined level; and  
initiating a head cleaning when the evaluation parameter exceeds the predetermined level.

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47. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 46, further comprising repositioning the read head to the first position after head cleaning and redetecting the value of the evaluation parameter.
48. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 46, wherein the first position is on a loading track.
49. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 46, wherein the evaluation parameter is a position error signal.
50. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 46, wherein the evaluation parameter is fly height.
51. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 46, further comprising:  
positioning the read head to a second position over a reserved track when the evaluation parameter does not exceed the predetermined level;  
comparing a value of a second evaluation parameter to a predetermined level; and  
parking the read head and generating an error condition when the second evaluation parameter exceeds the predetermined level.
52. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 51, further comprising moving the read head for normal operation when the second evaluation parameter does not exceed the predetermined level.
53. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 51, wherein the second evaluation parameter is the soft error rate.
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